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HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council  
of Hornsea.

Sir, or Madam,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

The vital statistics relating to the District shew little change compared with those of the preceding war years. The birth rate has decreased, the decrease probably being associated for by the fact that the termination of hostilities during the year has lead to the departure of many of the service men's families. The death rate has increased to 17.5 per 1000 population, the principal causes of death being (1) heart disease, (2) intracranial vascular lesions, (3) cancer. These three groups of diseases were responsible for over 50% of the deaths as might be anticipated having regard to the large proportion of elderly retired residents in the district.

The notifications of the principal epidemic diseases were low with the exception of measles and whooping cough. Both these diseases were prevalent throughout the year, the former

predominating in the first half and the latter in the second half of the year. Only one case of diphtheria was notified, the affected person being a young adult not immunised against the disease.

### Rainfall.

The rainfall for the year was below the average - 20.93". The heaviest fall occurred in January (3.39"), and the lowest in March (0.77") the amount of rain falling in each quarter being approximately the same.

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area - 3437.73 acres inclusive of inland water

Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General mid 1945 - 4451

Number of inhabited houses - 1650

Rateable Value - £33,141

Sum represented by a penny rate - £131.4.1.

	Total	M.	F.
Live births	66	38	28
Legitimate	61	35	26
Illegitimate	5	3	2
Still births	2	2	0

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population - 14.8.

Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) - 15.3



Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1,000 civilian population  
- 16.1

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths	78	29	49
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	- 17.5		
Death rate for England and Wales per 1,000 estimated population	- 11.4		
Deaths from puerperal sepsis	- 0		
Deaths from other puerperal causes	- 0		
Deaths from cancer	- 7		
Deaths from measles	- 0		
Deaths from whooping cough	- 0		
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years)	- 1		
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	- 1		

#### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

An account of the existing services is given in my Annual Report for 1937, since when little change has been made. The ambulance facilities have been improved during the year, the district now being served by a well equipped modern ambulance maintained by voluntary subscriptions.

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

##### Water.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Hull Corporation and distributed by the Council.

The consumption during the year was 64,536,000 gallons an increase of nearly 5 million gallons over 1944. The Minimum weekly consumption was 1,067,000 gallons, and the average daily consumption 176,794 gallons.

During the year a new water main, 1,233 yards long, serving five farms was laid along the Atwick Road at an estimated cost of £572.

#### Drainage and Sewerage

The drainage system has functioned efficiently throughout the year.

#### Public Cleansing.

House refuse collections were carried out by motor transport at intervals of approximately ten days, the refuse being disposed of by incineration, the total cost of the service being £1,674.19

33½ tons of salvage, to the value of £222.14.4. was sold during 1945.

#### Nuisances.

Nine Statutory Notices were served during the year and the nuisances abated without recourse to legal proceedings.



### Camping Sites.

There are five licensed camping sites in the district and the policy of the Council has been to allow the erection of new caravans and temporary bungalows on only two of the sites situated on the cliffs. From the Public Health point of view this form of development needs constant supervision, especially in view of the fact that many of these dwellings are in continuous occupation throughout the year and not used for residential purposes during the Summer months only.

### Housing.

In September work was commenced on the advance preparation of the housing site at Hornsea Burton Road, roads, sewers, water mains etc., for 208 houses.

Work was also commenced on the site works for 15 temporary houses at Cliff Road, Hornsea.

Eleven notices were served under the Housing Act, 1936, and all were complied with without recourse to legal proceedings.

### Food Inspection and Supervision.

No food was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	6	4	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
(a) Measles	107	0	0
(b) Whooping Cough	42	0	0

## Analysis under Age Groups.

<u>Age Group - Years</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever.</u>
3 - 4	1
5 - 9	3
10 - 14	2

One case of diphtheria, in a non-immunised adult, was notified, the first since November, 1942, which demonstrates, without doubt, the efficacy of active immunisation against the disease.

Immunisation of children under 5 years of age has been performed free of charge under the County Council's General Practitioner Scheme.

Number of children in the age group	1 - 4	immunised	-	64
do.	5 - 14	do.	-	3

### TUBERCULOSIS.

One case of respiratory tuberculosis, a case of tuberculosis of the pleura, was notified, and three cases on the register died from pulmonary tuberculosis. Notification of the disease in the area is efficient; no case of tuberculosis has been brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification.

Your obedient Servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

